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SOVIET ARMY SUPPLY

A. Procurement of Soviet Military Supplies

[redacted]

B. Rear Services and Supply Procedures

[redacted]

At company level the first sergeant handled supplies such as ammunition, clothing, and laundry exchange.

[redacted] there was no supply organization at battalion level in his unit.

At regimental level, the regimental CO was responsible for ammunition supply. The Deputy for Technical Matters handled weapons and equipment such as tanks, SP guns, and trucks.

[redacted] The Deputy for Supply, a major in the 68th Regt, was assisted by an unknown number of personnel who handled the food, clothing, equipment, and other items of supply.

[redacted]

The term "rear area" [redacted] meant an area behind the front battle line.

C. Evacuation

1. [redacted] medical training [redacted] consisted of four lectures on personal hygiene and first aid which included instruction on the various pressure points of the body and the use of tourniquets.

[redacted]

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4. The 68th Regt had a dispensary with an unknown number of beds. A major served as chief of the dispensary, assisted by four medical officers and five NCOs. See subpar C 6, below.

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5. Line units such as the 68th Regt had no female medical personnel. [redacted] stationary hospitals in BERLIN, EBERSWALDE (5250N-1350E), etc, had female medical personnel.

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6. The officer in charge of the Med Unit (Sanchast), 68th Regt, was a major. His aides, who inspected the troops and assisted with sick call, were two captains, one senior lieutenant, and one lieutenant.

7.

[redacted] medical personnel would evacuate wounded behind the lines in litters, and then via ambulances to first aid stations. [redacted] no other information on evacuation of casualties.

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8. The mess officer was responsible for procuring and distributing drinking water for the troops.

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D. Soviet Army Supply in Germany

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only. For descriptions of the POL, food, and clothing supply depots of the 68th Regt in BAD FREIENWALDE (5246N-1403E), TEMPLIN (5307N-1330E), and BERLIN, see enclosures to reports [redacted] Training and Maneuvers.

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4. Level of supply in days was not known [redacted]

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5. [redacted] following unit of fire and POL for one T-34/85 tank. [redacted] it was the same for offensive, defensive, and pursuit operations.

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a. For each of four revolvers, 14 rounds: carried by troops.

b. For one PPSH, SMG, 300 rounds: carried by troops.

c. For each of two Degtyarev tank MGs, 1120 rounds, of which 672 rounds were regular rounds, 224 were incendiary, and 224 were tracers: carried in magazines or stored in wooden boxes inside the tank.

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d. For the 85-mm gun, 55 shells, including 30 fragmentation (oskolochny) with KTM-1 fuzes, 20 armor-piercing (brone-boynnye) with MD-7 and MD-8 fuzes, and five armor-piercing HVAP high velocity shells with tungsten cores (Podkaliberny): shells were stored inside of tank.

e. 20 hand grenades, Model F-1: carried inside of tank.

f. Rocket flare gun with 40 flares: carried inside of tank.

g. About 560 liters of Diesel Gasol: inside and outside of tank.

h. Small amount of oil: carried outside of the tank.

Authorized peacetime POL and ammunition expenditures were not known [redacted]

7. The Soviet Army had a special type of emergency rations, called "NZ" (Neprikosnovennyye Zapasy - Emergency Supplies).

a. These NZ supplies consisted of individual packets containing unknown amounts of sugar, canned meat or canned fish, and Zwieback (Hardtack).

b. The NZ supplies were in the regimental food depot.

8. He gave the following information on POL and ammo consumption:

[redacted]

d.

The 68th Regt engaged in normal target practice and tank training and had sufficient (amount unknown) POL and ammo for this.

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E. Unit Supply and Maintenance

1. [] company received all its supplies from the 68th Regt; the battalions had no supply functions. The company was in the same area where the regimental supply depot was located.

The regiment, which had its own mess hall, drew food, clothing, ammunition and weapons from the 6th Gds Mecz Div depot, which was at an unknown location in BERNAU (5240N-1335E), about 50 km from the regiment's location in BAD FREIENWALDE. Frequency of picking up supplies was not known

3. Vehicles of the 68th Regt were used to move supplies to the regiment. Movement of supplies at higher levels unknown []

4. [] number of trucks organic to the 68th Regt. [] each tank and SP battalion had two to three trucks.

[] no horse-drawn transportation in Army units in the Soviet Zone of Germany or in the USSR.

6. POL was brought [] in tank cars, type and capacity unknown. The POL was stored in BAD FREIENWALDE in two 1-story brick buildings, about 10 x 10 m, which held an unknown number of iron barrels, capacity about 150 liters, containing Diesel Gasol, oil and gas. The area was guarded by a sentry 24 hours a day.

In BERLIN and in TEMPLIN the POL storage was in a paved outdoor area containing an unknown number of iron barrels of approximately 150 liter capacity, filled with gas and/or Diesel oil and Gasol. This area was guarded 24 hours a day by a sentry. []

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8. The only foreign-made equipment [] in 68th Regt were several Studebaker trucks.

10. The 68th Regt had a Tk Tech Supply Co (Rota Tankovoy Obespecheniy), which performed maintenance and major and minor repairs on tanks, SP guns and trucks. The regiment also had several ordnance repair men in the service platoon of each battalion, who performed maintenance and repairs on

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weapons and ammo.

The QM Plat, 68th Regt, had three EM, one tailor, and two shoemakers, who took care of uniforms and shoes of the EM.

11. With the exception of two-three T/34-85 tanks, a few SP guns, one-two JS tanks used for training, and a few trucks needed to haul supplies, all vehicles of the 68th Regt were stored in winter and summer. In BAD FREIENWALDE the vehicles were stored in brick garages - tanks on wooden boards; vehicles on blocks. In BERLIN, vehicles were placed on boards or blocks in garages which had only side walls, and were covered by a canvas roof. In winter, oil and water were removed from all vehicles. The tanks carried at all times their ammo and 560 liters of Gasol.

on 17 Jun 53, the 68th Regt was ready to move in 1½ to two hours after being alerted. in winter it would take two-2½ hours for the 68th to be ready to move.

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P. Supply and Maintenance of Individual Equipment

1. The individual Soviet EM received the following issue (for the term of his entire service, unless stated otherwise):

<u>Quan</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Description & Remarks</u>
1	Overcoat	Mixture of wool and cotton	Khaki	Shown in figure 140, DA Pamphlet 30-50-1, Handbook on Soviet and Satellite Armies, dated Mar 53.
1	Short coat (Bushlat)	Cotton	Khaki	Approximately blouse length; had a stand-up collar, two side pockets, and wooden fasteners fastened with loops.
2	Pullover tunic (Gymnastyorka)	Cotton (One for dress, one for service)	Khaki	One pair was exchanged every six months. Upon receipt, new set became the dress uniform, and the old one was used as a service uniform.
2 pr	Breeches (Bryuki)	Cotton	Khaki	One pair was exchanged every six months. Upon receipt, new set became the dress uniform, and the old one was used as a service uniform.

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<u>Quan</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Description & Remarks</u>
1	Flannel cap (Ushanka)	Flannel	Grey	Issued for winter only. Was exchanged in summer for a khaki cap. Shown in Fig 140 DA 30-50-1.
1	Overseas cap (Pilotka)	Cotton	Khaki	Exchanged in winter for a flannel cap.
1 pr	Boots	Cowhide	Black	One year for tank units, eight months for infantry.
1	Belt for tunic	Cowhide	Tan	
1	Belt for trousers	Web or leather	Tan	
1 pr	Coveralls	Cotton	Blue, green, brown, or black	Issued only to tank crews, shown in DA 30-50-1, Fig 140. The picture shows shoulderboards on the coveralls. <div>no shoulderboards were ever worn with coveralls.</div>
1	Crash helmet	Cotton	Blue, green, brown or black	Shown in Fig 140, DA 30-50-1. This helmet had air tubes for crash protection and had earphones, to be plugged into tank intercommunication system. <div>also a laryngophone mike. Goggles, as shown in Fig 140, DA 30-50-1, were issued only to the driver.</div>
1	Rucksack	Cotton	Khaki	Contained an extra set of underwear, toilet articles, messgear, and was kept with gas mask and mess gear, in the company store room; easy to grab in alerts.
1 pr	Mittens	Flannel	Khaki	
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<u>Quan</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Description & Remarks</u>
1 set	Underwear	Flannel in winter; cotton in summer	White	Exchanged for clean set (not own) each Saturday at the weekly baths.
2 pr	Footwraps	Flannel in winter; cotton in summer	White	Exchanged for clean set each Saturday
1	Canteen (Flyaga)	Aluminum	Gray	
1	Mess gear (Pot and spoon)	Tin	Gray	

Organizational equipment issued:

2	Bed sheets	Cotton	White	Exchanged for clean set every Saturday
1	Pillow case	Cotton	White	Exchanged for clean one every Saturday
1	Blanket	Flannel	Light blue	
1	Pillow	Cotton with straw	White	

No steel helmets were issued to tank troops. Infantry units had a steel helmet without a liner or an underneath cap.

[redacted] also issued a Nagant revolver and a holster. [redacted] no ammo pouches, tent half, or other accessories except as given above.

The platoon leaders and/or first sergeant inspected the EM daily for personal neatness, cleanliness and serviceability of weapons. Once weekly the EM and vehicles, weapons, equipment were inspected by the company or the battalion CO. Twice annually officers from Army of GDFG conducted inspections of weapons, tanks, and personal neatness of soldiers.

2. [redacted] 14 rounds for his Nagant revolver, 55 rounds for the 85-mm gun of the T/34-85 tank, and 1120 rounds for the tank MG. The tank held about 560 liters of Diesel fuel.

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3. The typical average daily ration for summer and winter was:

<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Dinner</u>	<u>Supper</u>
Pearl barley gruel	Sour cabbage soup	One-half herring
Tea	or borsht	One large potato
35 gr sugar	Stew with 50 gr of	Tea
Bread-unlimited	meat, and macaroni	35 gr sugar
	or potatoes	Bread-unlimited
	Bread-unlimited	

On holidays larger quantities of meat were served.

4. Clothing allowance [redacted] is given in sub-par F1, above.

[redacted] women's uniforms as shown on page 137, DA 30-50-1.

5. [redacted] the EM uniforms [redacted] in the USSR and in the Soviet Zone of Germany were the same in quality and in design.

6. Soviet troops stationed in cold climates had, according to hearsay, felt boots and fur coats.

7. If an item wore out before the scheduled replacement period, and it could not be repaired, the first sergeant issued a replacement temporarily. If an item was lost, a new one was issued and the cost was deducted from the EM's pay.

8. The PX, one of which was in every regiment, had the following items which source recalled on sale:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Manufacture</u>	<u>Price in East Marks</u>
Cigarets	German and Soviet	Unknown
Cakes, biscuits	German	One Mark a package
Chocolate bars	German	One Mark a bar
Apples	German	1½ Mark per kg
Grapes	German	Three Marks per kg
Watches	German	10 -- 100 Marks
Cameras	German	50 -- 250 Marks

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<u>Item</u>	<u>Manufacture</u>	<u>Price in East Marks</u>
Men's suits	German	125 Marks up
Cowhide boots (same as issue)	German	165 Marks
Shoes	German	220 Marks
EM uniform tunic	German	45 Marks
EM uniform breeches	German	50 Marks
Officer uniforms	German	Unk
Men's and ladies underwear	German	Unk
Woolen, cotton material	German	Unk
Radios	German	100 Marks up
China	German	Unk
Leather articles (Valises, billfolds, pocketbooks)	German	Unk
All types of toilet articles	German	Unk
Rugs	German	Unk
Optical equipment	German	Unk

9.

monthly pay scales:

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Pay in East Marks</u>
PFC	30
Pvts and PFCs who were weapons NGOs	40
Sgts	75

Sergeants drew additional assignment pay, amount unknown.
Lieutenants drew, depending on their assignment, a total of
500 to 700 East Marks monthly, and had the same amount de-
posited monthly to their credit in the USSR in rubles.

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10. The first sergeant received payroll money from the CO who in turn drew it from the finance officer of the regiment. The first sergeant paid EM in cash on the 25th of the month. No salutes or ceremonies were involved. EM were paid according to their turn in the line without regard to grade or alphabet. EM had to sign a payroll roster.

SOVIET ARMY TRANSPORTATION

A. Organization and Military Transport

B. Rail Movement

1. Numbering System

2. Loading - Unloading

b. It took a tank or SP battalion of a medium tank regiment four hours to load on the train, two hours to unload. It took about 16 hours for a medium tank regiment to load in railroad cars; eight hour to unload. This was the actual time in troop movements from winter to summer training areas.

c. [] the following types of rolling stock required to load the above units:

(1) Platform cars - each held two tanks or SPs or trucks.

(2) Boxcars - each held about 50 EM or an unknown amount of equipment.

[] no other rolling stock requirements.

3. Car Loading Practices

a. T/34 tanks were driven up via ramps into the platform cars.

b. It took a few minutes to drive a tank up into the platform cars.

c. The type of flat car (axles, etc) was unknown.

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d. Each flat car held two tanks.

f. It took about two hours to load a tank company and four hours to load a tank battalion.

4. Reserves

5. Loading Stations

The only loading stations known [] were at BAD FREIENWALDE and TEMPLIN.

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6. Transloading Points

G. Motor Transport

1. [] motor transport was used only for short stretches (under 50 km). Otherwise units were loaded on trains. The only exception was the alarm on 17 Jun 53, when the 68th Regt travelled under its own power from TEMPLIN to BAD FREIENWALDE.

2. Convoys used were made up of echelons of one battalion each; i.e., the 68th Regt had five echelons, or convoys - two of each tank battalions, one of the SP battalion, one of the SMG battalion, and one of all other service and housekeeping units.

3. The number of trucks to a convoy was not known []

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4. The actual distance between tanks and/or trucks was 25-50 m. The prescribed distance was unknown.

5. The speed of the convoys of 68th Regt was 30-40 km per hour. The unit COs briefed some EM on the routes and posted them as regulators at crossroads. [] no other details of traffic control.

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6. The total number of vehicles at the disposal of GOFG was unknown []

7. Plans to utilize German vehicles were unknown []

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50X1 8. [] that no units moved between the USSR and the Soviet Zone of Germany in motor convoys. Replacements, departees, and equipment moved by rail only.

9. In the regular move about 15 Apr 53, from BAD FREIENWALDE to TEMPLIN, the 68th Regt left its compound at 0700, arrived at the railroad station in BAD FREIENWALDE at 0730 and started to load by echelons. [] battalion was designated echelon #4 and started to load at 1600. It took about four hours for the battalion to load. At about 2100 hours the train left and arrived in TEMPLIN about 0500. The battalion unloaded by 0730 and by 0800 was at the summer training area.

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50X1 [] regiment moved under its own power from the summer training area on 17 Jun 53 at 2100 hours to its permanent garrison station in BAD FREIENWALDE, where it arrived at 0500-0600, 18 Jun 53.

On about 15 Jul 53 the 68th left its garrison area at 0800 and arrived at BAD FREIENWALDE railroad station at 0830. At the station it took until dark for the regiment to load.

50X1 [] battalion loaded in about four hours. At about 2000 hours the train pulled out, and arrived about 0230 hours in BERLIN. After unloading, [] left at 0500 under its own power and drove to Wuhlgarten park in East BERLIN. []

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11 platform cars - each held two T/34-85 tanks

Two-three platform cars - each held two trucks

Three cars for EM - 50 EM in each car

Three cars for ammo and equipment.

11. Distances covered in subpar C 9 above were:

BAD FREIENWALDE to TEMPLIN, about 70 km

BAD FREIENWALDE to BERLIN, about 80 km

D - F. Water Transport, Stockpiling, Advance Warning Measures

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